

# Supporting Information for:

## Treatment of the Multimode Jahn-Teller Problem in

### Small Aromatic Radicals

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## Supporting Information Available

**Table S1: Analysis of the multimode JT problem in  $C_5H_5$  by the LS totally symmetric normal modes in harmonic approximation. Frequencies of normal modes are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  as obtained from DFT calculations; contribution of the normal mode  $\vec{Q}_k$  to the  $\vec{R}_{JT}$  is given by  $c_k$  in %;  $E_k$  energy contribution of  $\vec{Q}_k$  to the  $E_{JT}$  in %**

$\vec{Q}_k$	$\tilde{\nu}_k$ in $C_{2v}$	Assignment	HS-irrep	$c_k$	$E_k$
1	831	C–C–C bend	$e'_2$	0.2419	247.5
2	937	C–C–H bend	$e'_1$	0.0621	30.9
3	1040	C–C–H bend	$e'_2$	0.5218	247.9
4	1127	breathing	$a'_1$	0.0008	1.6
5	1349	C–C stretch	$e'_1$	0.0339	43.8
6	1482	C–C stretch	$e'_2$	0.1393	665.3
7	3120	C–H stretch	$e'_2$	0.0002	0.5
8	3140	C–H stretch	$e'_1$	0.0001	0.1
9	3165	C–H stretch	$a'_1$	0.0001	0.1

**Table S2: Analysis of the multimode JT problem in  $C_6H_6^+$  by the LS totally symmetric normal modes in harmonic approximation. Frequencies of normal modes are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  as obtained from DFT calculations; contribution of the normal mode  $\vec{Q}_k$  to the  $\vec{R}_{JT}$  is given by  $c_k$  in %;  $E_k$  energy contribution of  $\vec{Q}_k$  to the  $E_{JT}$  in %**

$\vec{Q}_k$	$\tilde{\nu}_k$ in $D_{2h}$	Assignment	HS-irrep	$c_k$	$E_k$
1	591	C–C–C bend	$e_{2g}$	51.99	34.32
2	976	breathing	$a_{1g}$	0.95	1.62
3	1166	C–C–H bend	$e_{2g}$	34.63	16.99
4	1556	C–C stretch	$e_{2g}$	12.40	46.99
5	3109	C–H stretch	$e_{2g}$	0.01	0.06
6	3127	C–H stretch	$a_{1g}$	0.00	0.00

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**Table S3: Analysis of the multimode JT problem in  $C_7H_7$  by the LS totally symmetric normal modes in harmonic approximation. Frequencies of normal modes are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  as obtained from DFT calculations; contribution of the normal mode  $\vec{Q}_k$  to the  $\vec{R}_{JT}$  is given by  $c_k$  in %;  $E_k$  energy contribution of  $\vec{Q}_k$  to the  $E_{JT}$  in %**

$\vec{Q}_k$	$\tilde{\nu}_k$ in $C_{2v}$	Assignment	HS-irrep	$c_k$	$E_k$
1	434	C–C–C bend	$e'_2$	0.00	0.00
2	852	breathing	$a'_1$	0.76	0.28
3	894	C–C–C bend	$e'_3$	5.31	1.87
4	957	C–C–H bend	$e'_1$	2.90	0.48
5	1161	C–C–H bend	$e'_2$	0.22	0.03
6	1234	C–C–H bend	$e'_3$	30.53	3.92
7	1421	C–C–H bend	$e'_1$	10.49	2.71
8	1516	C–C stretch	$e'_2$	4.47	2.66
9	1611	C–C stretch	$e'_3$	44.07	87.55
10	3050	C–H stretch	$e'_3$	0.09	0.07
11	3055	C–H stretch	$e'_2$	0.15	0.12
12	3086	C–H stretch	$e'_1$	0.29	0.24
13	3099	C–H stretch	$a'_1$	0.07	0.06

**Table S4: Analysis of the multimode JT problem in  $C_6H_6^-$ ,  $D_{6h} \rightarrow D_{2h}$  distortion, by the LS totally symmetric normal modes in harmonic approximation. Frequencies of normal modes are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  as obtained from DFT calculations; contribution of the normal mode  $\vec{Q}_k$  to the  $\vec{R}_{JT}$  is given by  $c_k$  in %;  $E_k$  energy contribution of  $\vec{Q}_k$  to the  $E_{JT}$  in %**

$\vec{Q}_k$	$\tilde{\nu}_k$ in $D_{2h}$	Assignment	HS-irrep	$c_k$	$E_k$
1	604	C–C–C bend	$e_{2g}$	9.58	5.21
2	959	breathing	$a_{1g}$	2.20	2.84
3	1093	C–C–H bend	$e_{2g}$	64.69	22.21
4	1498	C–C stretch	$e_{2g}$	23.27	69.16
5	2995	C–H stretch	$e_{2g}$	0.22	0.53
6	3076	C–H stretch	$a_{1g}$	0.01	0.02

**Table S5: Analysis of the multimode JT problem in  $C_6H_6^-$ ,  $D_{6h} \longrightarrow C_{2v}$  distortion, by the LS totally symmetric normal modes in harmonic approximation. Frequencies of normal modes are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  as obtained from DFT calculations; contribution of the normal mode  $\vec{Q}_k$  to the  $\vec{R}_{JT}$  is given by  $c_k$  in %;  $E_k$  energy contribution of  $\vec{Q}_k$  to the  $E_{JT}$  in %**

$\vec{Q}_k$	$\tilde{\nu}_k$ in $D_{2h}$	Assignment	HS-irrep	$c_k$	$E_k$
1	320	out-of plane	$e_{2u}$	90.87	51.19
2	529	C–H wagging	$b_{2u}$	2.38	1.47
3	578	C–C–C bend	$e_{2g}$	1.27	3.48
4	718	C–H wagging	$b_{2u}$	0.08	0.11
5	878	breathing	$a_{1g}$	0.22	1.87
6	1112	C–C–H bend	$e_{2g}$	3.88	10.42
7	1531	C–C stretch	$e_{2g}$	0.97	25.86
8	2947	C–H stretch	$e_{2g}$	0.26	4.77
9	3015	C–H stretch	$a_{1g}$	0.04	0.78